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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Good Talks

THAT Mr. Eden and Mr. Dulles have been able to reach agreement in principle on a wide range of subjects closely affecting Anglo-American relations and interests is gratifying. No commitments have been made, but the joint communiqué issued after the two Foreign Ministers had concluded their talks clearly spells out the line of policy which President Eisenhower desires his Administration to adopt in economic, financial and political matters which have a direct bearing on the future of the United States and the British Commonwealth. Both Mr. Eden and Mr. Butler, it would appear, effectively bolstered their "Trade Not Aid" slogan with some convincing arguments, and if congressional leaders can be persuaded that a revision of tariff policies, a more permanent form of financial investing overseas, and a broader basis for general trading between the United States and the Commonwealth must prove mutually beneficial, then the prospects for more economic stability throughout the free world will be considerably enhanced.

IN the political field the Washington talks have also been successful. It was agreed that it is essential the European Defence Community treaty should be ratified as quickly as possible by the six signatories, and the close interest which both Mr. Dulles and Mr. Eden displayed in this subject should encourage the French and Bonn governments to give substance to the treaty by delaying no further its ratification. But from Britain's point of view one of the most important features of the Washington discussions was American approval of the British proposals to end the oil dispute with Persia. Mr. Dulles recognises the fairness of the latest terms which the British Government has submitted to Dr. Mossadegh. Any further modification of them would be a denial of the principles on which they are based. To many, in fact, the British offer may appear to be too generous. Certainly if Mossadegh rejects them he will be throwing away his last opportunity of resolving the deadlock on conditions that are honourable and just. Persia has everything to lose by accepting the proposals.

EXTENSION OF SHIPPING CONTROLS

Britain And America May Make Appeal STOPPING SHIPMENTS TO RED CHINA

Washington, Mar. 8. Britain and the United States were today expected to follow on their week-end announcement on tighter controls of Communist China-bound strategic goods with a call to the world's maritime nations to follow suit.

The British promise to tighten up such controls was announced in a joint communiqué here yesterday—most concrete development after four days of Anglo-American discussion in Washington on economic, financial and political problems.

Today it was expected the two countries would urge other maritime nations to take stringent measures to prevent the use of their ships and ports in the supply of strategic materials to Communist China.

Action would be urged in support of the United Nations embargo against such shipments. The British decision, already approved by the Cabinet in London, will tighten up all round the shipping side of the United Nations embargo. Closer control will be maintained on goods in transit in free port areas.

Authoritative sources here today asserted that Britain was voluntarily undertaking the new restrictions on shipping because as the greatest maritime power it was thought she should give a lead to the world.

The proposals appeared to foresee the closer inspection of cargoes by Governments everywhere throughout the world and increased consultation and co-operation between the maritime nations.

Communist China relies on foreign ships to carry its overseas trade. Some of these are provided by Russia and associated states but it has been estimated that tramp freighters flying other flags entered Chinese ports last year at the rate of about 60 a month.

The communiques—one political and the other economic—were issued here yesterday to mark the end of the formal conferences between Mr. Eden and Mr. Butler and their opposite numbers of the United States. Informal contact continued today.

Mr. Eden plans to see President Eisenhower again tomorrow.

Ceylon's Strong Reaction

(From Henry Lowrie)

Washington, Mar. 8. Strong reaction came from Ceylon tonight to the promise given by the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, to America—that Britain will help to impose an economic blockade on the movement of potential war goods to Communist China.

Mr. Eden's pledge was announced in a communiqué yesterday following his three-day talks with Mr. John Foster Dulles, U.S. Secretary of State.

Tonight a cable from Ceylon—yesterday's Dominion—in the Commonwealth quotes the permanent head of her Foreign Office, Sir Kanthiah Vithianathan, as saying:

"We don't think there could be any international thuggery over the free movement of international trade."

He added that his Government "expects" rubber, rice and other goods in Ceylon's trade agreement with Red China will be allowed to flow freely.

When Mr. Eden arrived in Washington last week it was emphasised he represented the Commonwealth and not Britain alone.

But he could speak for Britain only when he agreed with the United States to cut the flow of goods to China.

CABINET PLAN

In fact, before he left London, the Cabinet had drawn up the plan announced yesterday:

1. To introduce a new system of licensing ships registered in Britain and the Colonies so that strategic materials from non-British sources cannot be carried to Red China in British ships.
2. To take additional steps to make sure no ships of the Soviet bloc or other nationality carrying strategic cargoes should be fuelled in a British port.

The Americans are angry at Ceylon's pending rubber to the Communist Chinese.

Ceylon has few ships and is sending her rubber to China in Polish steamers. So this trade will not be affected by the new licensing system because it applies only to British and Colonial ships.

It is pointed out in Washington that last year Red China imports of goods from non-Communist countries was about \$300 million. These included cotton from Pakistan and Egypt, gins from India and medical supplies from Western Europe.

The New York Times complains that among 700 ships from the Free World that called at Hongkong and China ports last year there were undoubtedly cargoes of a type that could be curtailed.

The Times adds: "Hongkong's sensitive position poses a peculiar problem for Britain. The problem is recognised by thoughtful persons in the United States as it helps to explain the considerable difference between the British attitude and our own. It is gratifying to see that Britain is making an attempt to do what is possible to move closer to our point of view."—London Express Service.



Wife Lashed With Whip

Accuses Husband Of Cruelty

Rantford, Ontario, Mar. 8.

A young housewife told today how she "kept washing dishes" while her husband made a cat-o-nine tails from a belt and lashed her for smoking a cigarette.

"After he whipped me," said Mrs. Dorothy Adams, 23, "he sat down and read newspapers and I finished the dishes."

She vowed that she would testify on Monday against her husky husband, Donald, 27, when he will be given a hearing on a charge of assault occasioning bodily harm. If convicted, he could be sentenced to be lashed himself.

Her husband had ordered her not to smoke, she said, but found a cigarette butt in the house when he came home on Thursday night. He went into the kitchen and started cutting up a leather belt to make a whip, she said. "It must have taken him 10 or 15 minutes. I kept on washing dishes. I knew what he was doing, but I didn't try to run away—I would only have got it worse."

When the whip was completed, her husband lashed her "six or seven times" across the back, she said. "Then he sat down and read the papers."

"He smokes himself but doesn't want me to. He told me what he would do to me and he did," Mrs. Adams said. She did not call the police until the following morning. "I decided that I am not going to take any more beatings."

She said her husband had beaten her several times before during their seven-year marriage, but he never had beaten their three children.

Mrs. Adams said whether she would continue to live with her husband depended on what happened in court. Under the Canadian law, she cannot obtain a divorce on the grounds of cruelty.—United Press.

23 INJURED BY BOMB

Trieste, Mar. 8.

Twenty-three persons were injured today when a bomb exploded in a street during a neo-Fascist demonstration.

The explosion occurred when groups of neo-Fascists staged an unauthorised parade after a speech by the Secretary of the Italian Social Movement Party in a theatre.

The police said the bomb, wrapped in a parcel, was dropped by the neo-Fascists when the police started disbanding the unauthorised parade. It was trampled in the rush and exploded.

The police arrested a number of demonstrators. The demonstrators had just attended a party meeting at a theatre, in which the Party secretary, Augusto de Marsanich, made a fiery nationalist speech.

This meeting was authorised by the authorities, but the Fascist youths were ordered to disband quietly after the rally. Instead, about 100 of them started parading down boulevard, chanting songs and waving flags.

The police confronted them and ordered them to disband. About 30 did and the remainder refused. The police charged them. In the confusion which ensued, the bomb exploded in front of the headquarters of the Trieste Independence movement.—United Press.

Just A "Normal Misunderstanding"

Cairo, Mar. 8.

A reported rift between former King Farouk of Egypt and his wife Nariman was described by members of her family today as a "normal misunderstanding between a young married couple."

Nariman's mother, Assia Hani, went to Rome last Tuesday to "find out the exact situation", her uncle, Dr. Immi Ezzat, said.—United Press.

FIRE ON LINER

Dundee, Mar. 8.

Fire broke out today in the 7,238-ton Jute liner City of Colchester which arrived here from Pakistan last night with one of the largest jute cargoes handled here for years.

The blaze which broke out in No. 2 hold, which held 14,000 of the liner's 31,000 bales of jute, was still burning tonight.—Reuters.

FUNERAL OF STALIN TODAY

Guns Will Thunder Solemn Salute

Moscow, Mar. 9.

The great guns of the Kremlin will thunder a final solemn salute as the body of Stalin is laid to rest today alongside that of Lenin, founder of modern Russia, outside the Kremlin walls.

They are the same guns which thundered salvos to celebrate great Red Army victories during the war.

Then, if the precedent of the Zhdanov funeral is followed, Mr. Georgi Malenkov, the new Soviet Premier, and his colleagues will mount the broad steps leading to the broad, flat top of the Mausoleum to review a 15-minute parade of Russia's crack troops.

The funeral will begin at noon, Moscow time (Hongkong time 5 p.m.), when all Communist countries will observe a five-minute silence mourning period.

The most solemn moment will come when the coffin is shrouded down a wide granite staircase into a 12 square yard vault.

The four men likely to shoulder the coffin are Mr. Malenkov, Vice-Premier Lavrenti Beria, Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov and new President Marshal Voroshilov.

It was estimated in Moscow at midnight that more than 1,500,000 mourners had filed through the Hall of Columns to pay their last homage to Stalin.

The Hall of Columns was closed to the public from 2 a.m. Moscow time (HK time 7 a.m.).

Before then a great mourning queue, at least six miles long, wound its way towards Moscow's House of Trade Unions to catch their last glimpses of the Soviet leader.

Men, women and children waited eight abreast as surges of snowflakes fell on the city.

MODERATELY COLD

It was moderately cold, the morning's stinging frost having eased.

Access to the Red Square for holders of special passes will cease at 9.30 a.m. Moscow time, while all traffic, except cars for which special passes have been issued, is to come to a halt at 8.00 Moscow time in the area of the central squares.

Marshal Voroshilov, Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, Mr. Lazar Kaganovich and Mr. A. Mikoyan, members of the new Presidium of the Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party, took turns yesterday at standing guard over the bier of Marshal Stalin.

A delegation of the Russian Orthodox Church visited the Hall of Columns and left a wreath.

Several other high officials stood guard over the Soviet leader's coffin.

They included Marshals Zhukov and Vasilievsky, Deputy War Minister Marshal Sokolovskiy, Red Army Chief of Staff, and Marshal Budennyi, veteran war hero and old friend of Stalin.—Reuters.

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Robbed Man Shot, Wounded

Nairobi, Mar. 8.

A Kikuyu was shot and seriously wounded in Nairobi today when he returned to the street in which he had been robbed earlier to try to identify his attackers.

This was the third consecutive weekend that there has been shooting in the city.

In the Thompson Falls area today a man failed to be a Mau Mau oath administrator, who escaped from custody yesterday, was shot dead by a police ambush.

A police patrol discovered three home-made firearms made of three-foot lengths of piping bound to wooden staves with a special tin-covered recess for bullets. They were fired by pulling back a nail attached to a strong rubber spring.

These are the first guns of their kind to be seized from Mau Mau terrorists.—Reuters.

Ships Collide At Suez

Suez, Mar. 8.

One passenger was killed and four were seriously injured aboard the Italian ship Toscana last night when she was hit by the American tanker Cowanesque.

The Toscana, owned by Lloyd Trieste, was en route from Australia to Trieste with passengers and cargo. The Cowanesque, under charter to the United States Navy, was en route from the Suez Canal to a secret destination.

The Cowanesque struck the Toscana amidships, opening a hole a yard above the water line and damaging the bridge.

The Cowanesque was not seriously damaged and reported no casualties.—United Press.

Tito On Way To Britain

Belgrade, Mar. 8. Marshal Tito left by sea yesterday for Britain on an official State visit. It was officially announced today.

Marshal Tito is expected in London by March 10, after advancing the date of his visit a full week in an unexpected move following the death of Marshal Josip Stalin.

Observers believed it was an indication that the Government is not worried by the immediate future effect of Stalin's death. Marshal Tito sailed aboard a training ship, Galeb, escorted by British destroyers. There was speculation that news of his departure was withheld until his ship had safely passed the Straits of Otranto which are under the guns of Soviet-controlled Albania.

Marshal Tito officially visited Yugoslavia on Friday.

No official agenda was announced for his London visit but he is expected to discuss with the British Government the closer ties between Yugoslavia, Greece and Turkey—United Press.

LONDON STATEMENT

London, Mar. 9. Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia is expected to come to Britain by sea in the Yugoslav naval vessel Galeb, and will be escorted by Royal Navy ships from near Malta, the Admiralty announced today.

Marshal Tito is coming to Britain on March 10—Reuter.

CATHOLICS PROTEST

Glasgow, Mar. 8. Over 3,000 Roman Catholics in a mass rally here today protested against the British Government's invitation to Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia to visit Britain.

They urged the Government to impress on him "the loathing with which so many loyal citizens of this country regarded his persecution of religion."

Marshal Tito is coming to Britain on March 10 for a private visit as the guest of the British Government. He is to lunch with Queen Elizabeth while in London.

The visit of the Yugoslav President has aroused strong criticism from many Catholics in Britain.—Reuter.

SPECIAL WATCH

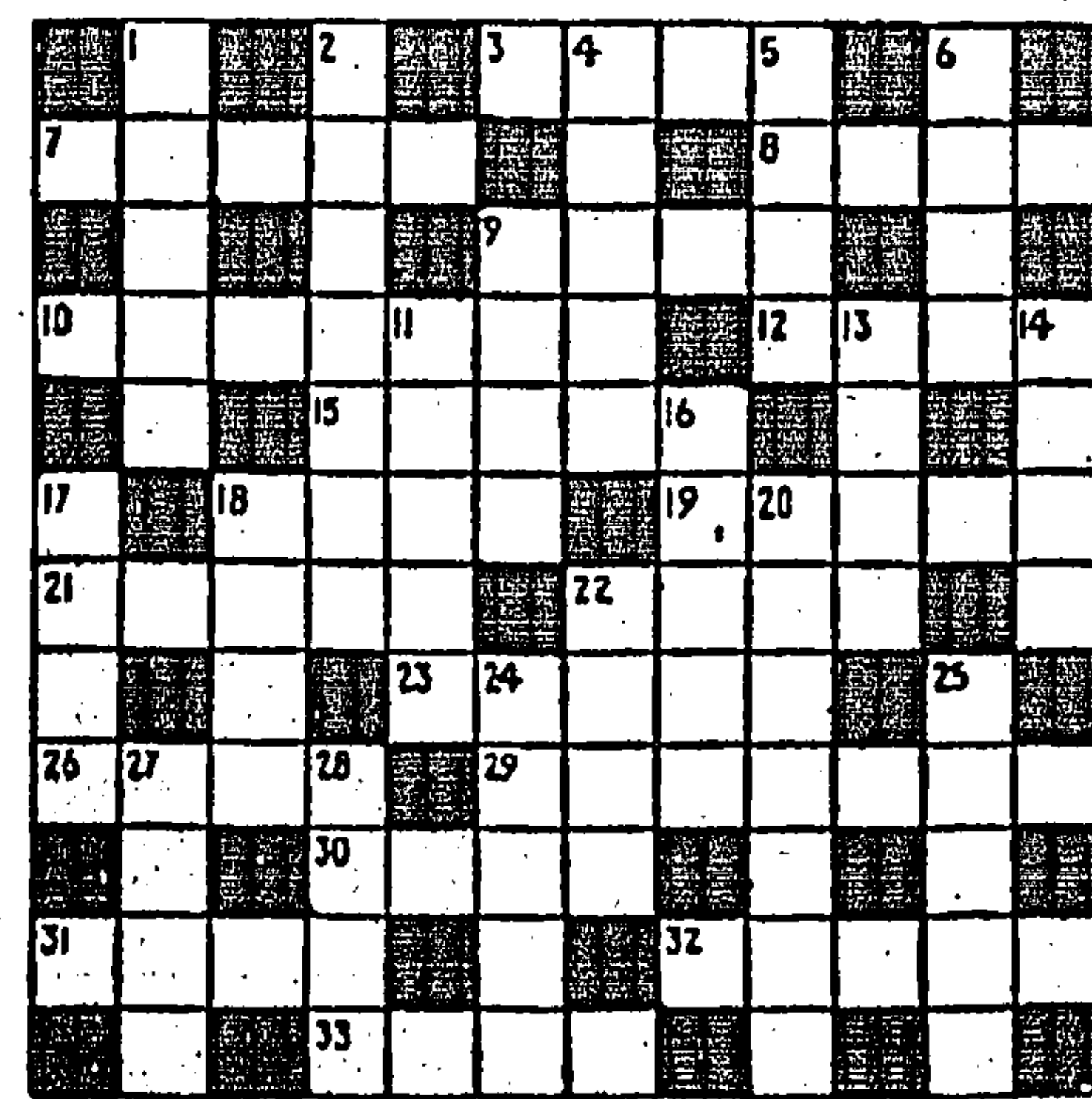
London, Mar. 9. Secret Service men and security police will keep a special watch on British Communists whom they consider dangerous and on people of Yugoslav origin who are opposed to Tito, during the Marshal's visit.

It is reported that one of several unroofed cars with bullet-proof glass, owned by the War Office, will be at Marshal Tito's disposal.

Police all over Britain have reported to Scotland Yard's Special Branch—in charge of security arrangements for foreign State visits in Yugoslavia living in the area, particularly those known as supporters of exiled King Peter.

Their movements are not expected to be restricted, but if they come to London while the Marshal is here, they will be closely watched.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 3 Stern (4).
 - 7 Ordinal (5).
 - 8 Loosen (4).
 - 9 Wound (4).
 - 10 Conceive (7).
 - 12 Stalk (4).
 - 15 Harden (5).
 - 18 Difficulty (4).
 - 19 Tag (6).
 - 21 Rule (4).
 - 22 Gilt (4).
 - 23 Oust (5).
 - 26 Game (4).
 - 29 Beg (7).
 - 30 Outer covering (4).
 - 31 Uncertain (4).
 - 32 Opportunity (5).
 - 33 Book (4).
- DOWN**
- 1 Vagrant (5).
 - 2 Suspending (7).
 - 4 External (5).
 - 5 Chafes (4).
 - 6 Keenness (4).
 - 8 Cosy (4).
 - 11 Foolish (5).
 - 13 Cylindrical (4).
 - 14 Soften (4).
 - 16 Vote into office (5).
 - 17 Boast (4).
 - 18 Lodge (4).
 - 20 Allure (7).
 - 22 Discover (4).
 - 24 Prison (5).
 - 25 Glad (5).
 - 27 Spoken (4).
 - 28 Be anxious (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1 Sailor, 7 Epic, 9 Cargo, 10 Value, 11 Error, 13 Presenting, 15 Tear, 16 Loar, 19 Dependent, 22 Epic, 24 Arson, 26 Rouge, 28 Pine, 29 Stale, Down: 2 Ampou, 3 Lapse, 4 Rivets, 5 Rotated, 6 Pier, 8 Forge, 12 Strait, 13 Pulse, 15 Stressed, 17 Adorn, 18 Optics, 20 Nerve, 21 Equal, 23 Rude.

Secret Talks On Successor To Trygve Lie

RUSSIAN ATTITUDE STILL A MYSTERY

New York, Mar. 8.

The United Nations Security Council will meet early this week in the first of a series of secret sessions to seek an East-West agreement on the nomination of a successor to Secretary-General Trygve Lie.

The meeting was requested formally on Saturday by Britain and France and it was believed Ahmed Bokhari of Pakistan, chairman of the 11-nation body under the monthly alphabetical routine, would call a meeting for Wednesday.

It was not likely, according to diplomats, that the first meeting would produce agreement on a new United Nations chief but it was certain to provide a tip on Russia's strategy in the secretaryship issue.

The big question is whether the new Soviet administration is prepared to veto any Western-backed candidate or whether it prefers to swap its support for a generally acceptable name in return for one or more concessions in the United Nations.

If in one way or another agreement is reached in the Council and a recommendation made, the 60-nation General Assembly will then have the task of formally electing the new Secretary-General.

The current "extended" term of Mr. Lie expires on February 2, 1954. But Mr. Lie, apparently disgusted about being boycotted by the Russians for his backing of the United Nations action in Korea and over the troublesome question of alleged subversives on United Nations payroll, resigned last autumn.

He agreed, however, to stay on until his successor was selected. At present, at least for the record, the Kremlin wants Polish Foreign Minister Stanislaw Skrzyszewski for the US\$55,000 yearly job. But the Russians are aware that the Pole is not acceptable to the West and there are indications they might prefer to accept someone else rather than face the prospect of Mr. Lie's term being extended again or having a caretaker administration appointed by the Assembly.

DARK HORSES

The leading Western candidates are Canada's External Affairs Minister Lester Pearson now serving as President of the Assembly and Brigadier-General Carlos Romulo of the Philippines who presided over the Assembly in 1949.

The dark horse stable including Iran's Nazimollah Azam, Mexico's Foreign Minister Luis Padilla Nervo and, last, Madame Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, sister of India's Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru.

They key to the post of top contender whose name is to be placed before the Council is held largely by the choice of the United States. But since delicate negotiations are involved in the Council meetings Washington is not showing its hand.

It is known, however, that Britain and France wanted Mr. Pearson. The Arab-Asian bloc, with Lebanon and Pakistan representing it on the Council, favored Mr. Azam with Mr. Pearson as its second choice.

The Soviet end of the forthcoming tough negotiations will be in the hands of veteran debater Andrei Gromyko who rushed posthaste from London on Saturday to head the Russian UN team following the departure of Andrei Vyshinsky.

His handling of the Council debate, including the possibility of Russia demanding a series of concessions for not vetoing the West's candidate, may indicate the general "cold war" policy life of the new Malenkov regime.

INDIAN DELEGATE

The West hopes to wind up the secretaryship debate before the end of this month on the assumption that Mr. Vyshinsky's resignation of the Council — he takes over on April 1 upon his return from Moscow — will not simplify matters.

The long-delayed requests for a meeting were made by Britain's Sir Gladwyn Jebb and the French delegate, Henri Hoppenot, in letters to Mr. Bokhari.

Outside the possibility of a Soviet veto, one could come from Nationalist China if Mrs. Pandit's name was placed on the docket. The Formosa government is sure to oppose her because of India's recognition of the Peking regime. Mrs. Pandit, however, appeared aware of the difficulties involved in her candidacy when she told reporters that she was "not dreaming of contesting the election." She said she had no desire to "stand up to canvass or contest" but indicated she would be available for the job if her name were unanimously backing and "India is called upon to fill the need."—United Press.

FRENCH MINISTER'S MISSION

Darwin, Mar. 8.

M. Jean Létourneau, French Minister of State for Indo-China, arrived here by air today for talks with Australian political and military chiefs.

He is expected to seek Australian help in the struggle against the Vietnamese Communist-led rebels.

Competent observers in Canberra said last week that they believed any Australian aid would not involve manpower because of her commitments in Malaya, Korea and the Middle East.

In a Press statement M. Létourneau said:

"All freedom-loving countries must work for the containment and defeat of the Communist forces in Vietnam."

"Indo-China's strategic position makes it the key to South-East Asia. If Vietnamese troops succeeded in overrunning Vietnam the security of the entire area would be endangered."

"I am here more specifically on behalf of the French Union soldiers now fighting in Indo-China."

"The Australian people have realized how deeply interested they are in our fight for Indo-China. I am sure they remember 1943 when the country was threatened with Japanese invasion and say 'never again!'" he concluded.—Reuter.

Peron Visit To Chile



Smiling President Peron (right) of the Argentine, pays an official visit to the neighboring State of Chile, and is received in Santiago by Chilean President Ibanez. —Express Photo.

Britain To Report To Commonwealth On Economic Talks

London, Mar. 8.

The British Government will report to the Commonwealth Governments on the Anglo-American economic talks before the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation meets in Paris on March 23.

(The Anglo-American talks, ended in Washington on Saturday night, dealt mainly with the Commonwealth economic plan for expanding production and increasing the trade of the Western world on the lines drawn up at the Commonwealth economic conference of Prime Ministers in London last year.)

Senators Want Time To Think It Over

Washington, Mar. 8.

Two Republican Senators favour dropping an Administration move to condemn Soviet Russia for enslaving free people.

"I think we better have a cooling off period of 80 days," said Sen. George Aiken of Vermont.

"I certainly can't see any advantage to the United States telling the world that we stand for something by an eight to seven vote."

He referred to the margin by which the Senate Foreign Relations Committee adopted an amendment to the administration's resolution proclaiming the hope that self-government will be restored to victims of "Soviet despotism."

The amendment would make it clear that the resolution neither affirms nor denies the validity of any World War Second agreements, such as those reached at Yalta, Tcheran and Potsdam.

Actually the committee vote was eight to six, but Sen. Charles Tobey, the only member not recorded, said he would vote with Democratic opponents of the amendment.

The Democrats contend the amendment makes the resolution meaningless.

Seven Republicans and one Democrat voted for the amendment and six Democrats opposed it.

All parties to the dispute agree that the resolution would mean little or nothing to rest of the world unless approved by an overwhelming vote.—Associated Press.

Counsel Would Return

Kampala, Mar. 7.

Mr. D. N. Pitt, Q.C., who led the defence in the Kapenguria trial of Jomo Kenyatta and five other Africans on Mau Mau charges, said today that he would return to Kenya if there were an appeal or if alternative charges were pressed.

The charges in which the six are being tried relate to alleged management of the Mau Mau secret society.

Mr. Pitt is now on his way by air to England.—Reuter.

SCOTLAND PLANS GLITTERING PARADE FOR THE QUEEN

"Honours Three" To Be On Display In Edinburgh

Edinburgh, Mar. 8.

Scotland is delving back through the centuries to plan a glittering parade of her ancient "Honours Three"—Crown, Sceptre and Sword—on Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation visit here next June.

At the Queen's request, these priceless treasures, all more than 450 years old, will be borne before her as she drives in procession to a special service in St Giles' Cathedral on June 24.

They are the Scottish regalia, symbols of Royal power when Scotland was a separate kingdom, and among the oldest regal emblems in Britain.

It is more than 130 years since they last left Edinburgh Castle, perched on a rock 440 feet above the heart of the Scottish capital, to be carried through the streets below.

The Queen's visit, three weeks after her Coronation in Westminster Abbey in London, will be only the second State occasion for which they have been brought out since Scotland and England merged into the United Kingdom in 1707.

Before that, the regalia, styled the "Honours of Scotland", were used at the Coronations of the ancient Scottish Kings and at the openings of the Scottish Parliament.

Once, during their chequered history, two Scotswomen smuggled them out of a besieged castle to safety under the very eyes of an invading English army.

Later, they were lost for more than a century. During World War II, they were brooked up for safety in a wall of Edinburgh Castle. Only four people knew the secret of their hiding place.

WINDING ROUTE

The man with the job of arranging their ceremonial display this summer is Scotland's Lord Lyon, King of Arms, 69-year-old Sir Thomas Innes of Learney.

He is one of the Queen's lieutenants in Scotland, in charge of all State and Public ceremonial. The origins of his office are lost in antiquity, but his predecessors controlled the Coronation ceremonies of the ancient Scottish Kings.

The procession of June 24 will start from Holyroodhouse, residence of former Scottish Kings and Queens, where Queen Elizabeth will stay from June 22-24.

It is possible as many as possible to see it, the procession will probably take a winding route through the capital to St Giles' Cathedral, standing at the opposite end of the steep, historic "Royal Mile" running from the Palace through the old town.

During the service, the regalia will probably lie in front of the Royal pew. The Queen will not wear the Crown.

UNDISPUTED RIGHT

A special committee is engaged on the task of selecting about 1,500 people who will attend the service in St Giles' Cathedral and who, at the Queen's request, will be "representative of all parts of Scotland and all aspects of Scottish life."

It is the responsibility of the Lord Lyon to arrange them in procession in the proper order of precedence.

Another question which he has to decide is: "Who shall carry the honours?"

The Duke of Hamilton, 40-year-old premier peer of Scotland, is a sort of junior partner to the older radio Free Europe. Both are projects of the Crusade of Freedom which private citizens set up in 1949 at the start of the East-West "cold war" to get information about the free world in people in the free world countries.

Chinese Americans have given enthusiastic response to a current campaign for funds to finance radio Free Asia. At one rally in a Chinese school in New York's Chinatown, over 1,000 persons joined in the demonstration. Some could only give coins but many gave donations of hundreds of dollars each.—Associated Press.

New York, Mar. 8.

Radio Free Asia expects to expand its broadcast to people behind the "bamboo curtain" this year.

The privately sponsored propaganda project which is something like but entirely separate from the U.S. government "Voice of America" radio has a present audience of 12,000,000, its officials estimated.

More Asians will be able to listen in to the programme if as now planned additional transmitters can be set up to supplement broadcasts to Malaya, Thailand, Ceylon, Indonesia and the Philippines.

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SAID TO HAVE CONFESSED

Tsauruoka city police of Northern Honshu reported arresting today Mrs. Kusunoki Kobayashi, 64, and her son Tamotsu, 25, on a charge of counterfeiting about 2,000 mimeographed and coloured 10-yen notes and passing about 400 of them.

The apprehended pair also are reported to have confessed to passing four bogus 1,000-yen notes last year.—Reuter.

Six Foreign Ministers To Meet

Strasbourg, Mar. 8.

Developments in Russia since Stalin's death are expected to be discussed at a meeting here tomorrow of Foreign Ministers of six European nations engaged in building a United States of Europe.

The six Ministers—of France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, Holland, and Luxembourg—will be receiving from a common assembly of Parliamentarians a draft Constitution for the proposed new super-state.

But, outside this historic ceremony, the six Foreign Ministers are expected to meet for a general talk on the negotiations to create a European Defence Community and other common problems.—Reuter.

MILITARY TALKS IN PARIS

Washington, Mar. 8.

American military leaders left for Paris to join high level meeting on strategy geared to the existing capabilities of the Western European defence system.

General Omar Bradley, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, left shortly after noon for the "Command Exercise" at Supreme Allied Headquarters which was called by General Matthew Ridgway, Allied Chief.

Earlier in the day General Hoyt Vandenberg, Air Chief of Staff, departed for the meeting. Vandenberg also will inspect U.S.A.F. installations while abroad.

Admiral Lynde McCormick, Commander of NATO forces in the Atlantic was to fly to the meeting from his headquarters at Norfolk, Virginia.

General Bradley told reporters he thought that the strategy discussions by almost 100 high military officers of the Western Powers there would be a meeting late in the week of the standing group of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

General Bradley expects to return to Washington about March 15.—Associated Press.

"T-3" Pronounced Suitable Base For United States Air Force

New York, Mar. 8.

A floating ice island inside the Arctic Circle and relatively close to Russia has the stability to serve as a huge United States air defence base, a preliminary report by Air Force scientists indicated today.

Furthermore its surface is comparatively level with the height of ridges above the troughs averaging only two to five feet near the centre although in a few places near the shore the height is as much as 15 feet.

However, there is the thawing season from late June to mid-August when lakes form in all the island hollows starting in the first week of July. Changes form between the lakes and the Arctic Sea. Once they are clear of clogging snow the lakes run off "quite rapidly" but not until late October would the lake bottoms support a C-47 equipped with skis.

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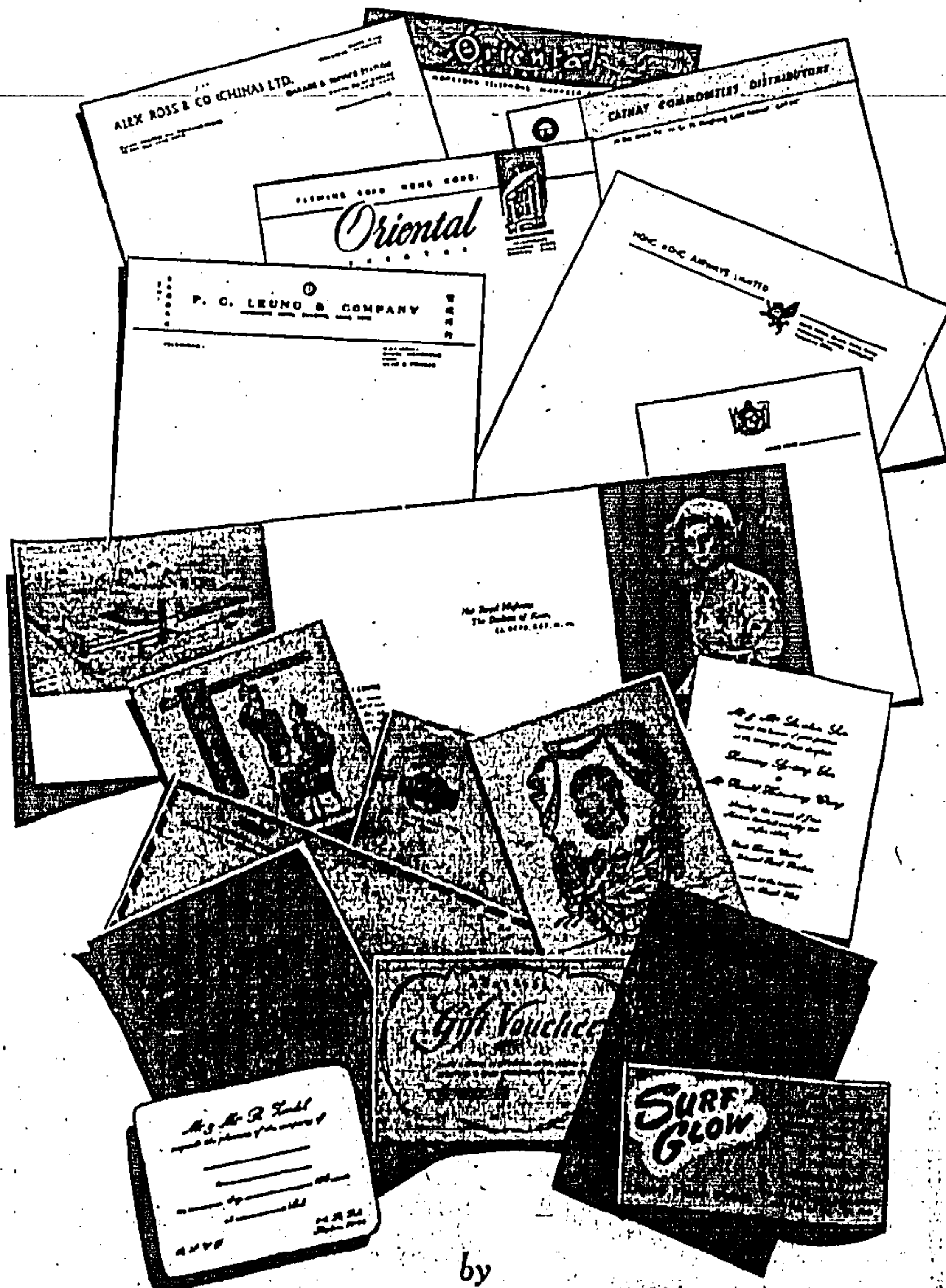
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NOW IKE'S A SECRET GOLFER

from
James Cooper

ONE handicap of being First Citizen of the United States, President Eisenhower is discovering, is that there is not much chance of reducing his handicap as a golf player.

Front-page news, with picture, in the evening newspapers is that the poor President has to practice swings in his back garden.

Golf is his way of keeping fit at 62, but he is finding that his Secret Service guard will not let him play like an ordinary citizen.

For years he has been a member of Washington's Burning Tree Golf Club—admission fee 1,000 dollars—but the members of that exclusive club are the big names of America, and they will not seal off the course for just one foursome, not even if it includes the President.

Roosevelt built a swimming pool in the White House for his exercise. Truman installed a bowling alley. But there just is not room for a golf course. So Eisenhower has been sneaking out at dusk on to the White House lawn.

Alas, cameramen spotted him and rigged up Long Tom cameras. What is worse, they saw that the President still has trouble with his full nibleck. It is coming down too soon, as shown by the divots he is hacking out of the lawn, however quickly valet John Mooney may stamp them back.

REIS LEMING, the American who got the George Medal for heroism in England's floods, won \$4,300 on a television quiz programme in New York today because of a correct answer to the question "What was the pen-name of the author of 'Innocents Abroad'?"—Mark Twain.

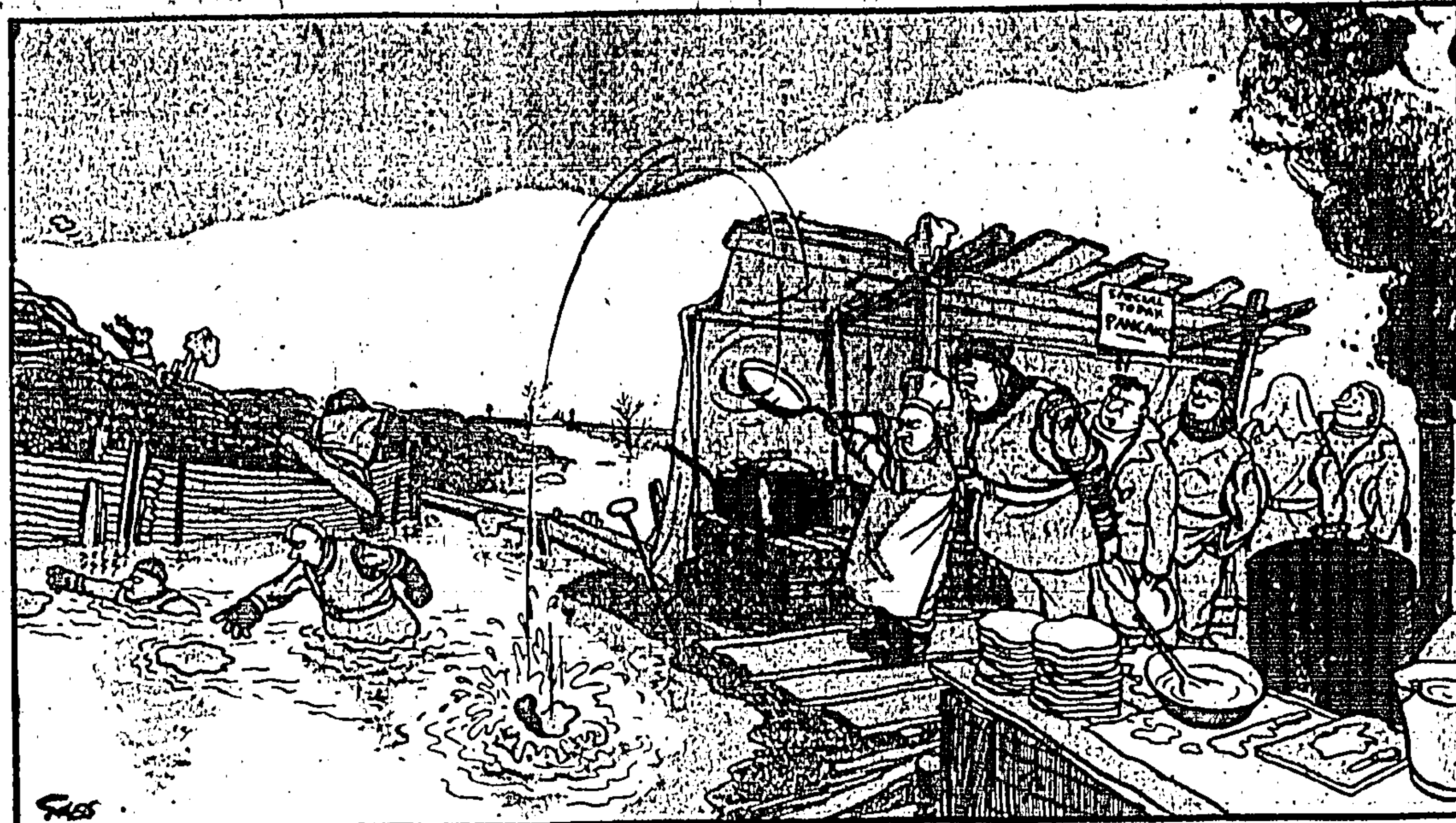
Leming's fiancée, Mary-Ann Ramsay, kissed the announcer when she learned that the pair also got: Jewellery, a gas-cooker, a refrigerator, a camera, theatre tickets, dinner at an hotel, and a free flight home.

And for Reis, when he leaves the air force, an appointment with an airline president to talk about a job.

WOMEN are right when they slide off their shoes under the table or at the cinema.

To beat tension and fatigue American doctors are prescribing: "Take off your shoes whenever and wherever you have the chance."

For men there is this warning: "Do not spill it by leaving on tight socks."



"Now do me another one without the acrobatics, Philip Harben."

London Express Service

Mr. Scarface smiles

How does he link
with the unknown
master-spy?

THE STORY is told by Ralph Brown, of Scotland Yard. He has been to visit Robert Pitt, a civil servant awaiting death in jail for murdering a Soho girl called Yvette Saunders.

Pitt wants to trade his life for information. The information: the secret of Leonidos, the master spy no one knows.

I was going on for three - thirty this morning when I finally closed up the file on Robert Isaac Pitt and went wearily down to the canteen in Scotland Yard for a cup of tea.

All through the night, ever since I brought back the report of my talk with Pitt in the condemned cell at Fentonville, we had been working on his case, trying to squeeze out a clue that would explain how and why he knew Leonidos.

Except for the Prime Minister and the Home Secretary, there are only about 15 men in the country who know that anyone named Leonidos exists.

The fact that the Russians have an agent planted on us working for them under that code name, is something to preserve as the top secret of them all—since we do not know who Leonidos is, how he gets his information from us, and the route he uses to smuggle it out.

So how, how, how can Robert Pitt, a man condemned for the sordid crime of murdering his mistress, know about Leonidos, too?

HIS knowledge can only stem from the fact that Pitt has also been working for the Russians. That means that he wasn't bluffing in the condemned cell at Fentonville yesterday, when he offered to sell us the identity of Leonidos in return for his own life. He realises that we have to catch Leonidos quickly, that the safety of this country is at stake.

Can you make a bargain with a murderer who deserves to hang? It is a question, thank goodness, for the Home Secretary to ponder.

In the meantime we have five days left, five days before they put Pitt's head in the noose. Five days to talk to him, play on his vanity and his fear. Five days to draw the information from him—so that the law can catch Leonidos, and keep Pitt for the hangman, too.

I signed myself out in the Special Branch register and went into the yard. It was a dirty morning, but I dismissed the duty car and decided to walk at least part of the way home. Perhaps the wind and the sleet would drive a few ideas into my head.

I had studied the police plans and photographs well enough to know that Yvette Saunders had lived on the third floor, and when I looked up I saw there was a light in what had been her bedroom window.

Even as I watched, a couple of shadows moved across it, those of a man and a woman. So the flat was back in business again already!

no crooks pulled off the same coup twice.

In the shuttered entrance to the London Pavilion, in Piccadilly, a group of youths, all wide shoulders, long greasy hair and pimply faces, were horse-playing with a couple of girls.

When they saw me one of the girls minced over, asked for a cigarette, and followed her request with the familiar question. I told her to try someone else, and was walking on when I suddenly had a thought.

"Did you ever know Yvette Saunders?" I asked.

Her pale, over-powdered face did not change expression, but I could see from the look in her hard little eyes that the question startled her. "Who are you? A cop?"

"No," I lied. "A newspaperman." I covered Pitt's trial for killing Yvette. Wondered if she was a friend, that's all. "Sure I knew her." She said. "We all knew her. Nice girl, even if she was a bit exclusive. That Pitt hanging's too good for him. A girl can't save these days. Can't trust anyone."

Just then one of the young men came striding over. He looked at us both suspiciously. "What's all the gabbling about?" he asked. "It doesn't take all this time to say yes or no."

"He's asking about Yvette," said the girl. "He's a newspaperman."

"We aren't talking to the Press," said the young man. "On your way, reporter, and let the girls get on with their business."

He grabbed hold of the girl and pushed her back towards the London Pavilion, then planted himself in front of me, arrogant and threatening, so that it was all I could do to keep myself from clipping him over the ear.

INSTEAD, I turned on my heel and went up Shaftesbury Avenue. I could hear him and his pals cat-calling me as I walked away. I cut down Fifth Street and was almost at the place before I realised where my unconscious will had taken me—to the narrow Soho alleyway in which Yvette Saunders had kept her flat and run her business, the place where Robert Pitt had fed her the fatal dose of strychnine.

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Presently, as I stood there in the piling shadows, I heard



They can't
hang ME!
Second day

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footsteps on the stairs leading from the house, and I moved towards them. A man was just coming out when hands seized me from behind and dragged me back against the wall.

I jabbed hard with both elbows in the direction where I knew it would do my assailants least good, and turned towards them. It was the arrogant youth and one of his pimply pals. As they bent double, groaning with pain, the man from Yvette Saunders' flat came running across.

"What's the trouble?" he called. "What is going on?"

He spoke English with a cultured intonation that indicated a long and intimate residence in this country, but with just the faintest trace of a Polish accent underneath.

"It's that so-and-so!" groaned the arrogant young man. "He's a reporter. He's spying on you."

Very rapidly and very harshly, the young man retorted: "Don't make fools of yourselves!" And then to me: "If you are looking for local colour, sir, I hope you will not be too indiscreet. These young men were good enough to introduce a lady to me at a night club, and I have just been seeing her home. I hope you will find nothing wrong in that."

"NOTHING at all," I said, looking at him closely. He was broad-faced and good-looking, with a deep scar over his left eye.

"There, now," he said to the young men. "All this trouble for nothing. I am sure we can get on without troubling these gentlemen any more and let him find a taxi and go home."



Illustration
by
ROBB

I bowed my thanks to him. He smiled back a charming smile. He and the two youths watched me as I walked out of the alleyway towards Shaftesbury Avenue.

I carried in my mind a vivid picture of the man with the Polish accent. I had seen his face before. At Scotland Yard, in one of the files I knew there was a photograph of his handsome face. But which file was it in? Criminal or political?

WHEN they showed me into the condemned cell at Fentonville this afternoon Robert Pitt looked up at me as if I were a subordinate late for an appointment.

He was still the suave civil servant from the Ministry, still cocky and confident, still convinced that, despite the sentence of the court, he was going to cheat the gallows. He said—

"Don't try and fool me, Brown. I have made you a simple offer and I want a simple answer to it, and don't try to muddy up the situation with unnecessary words. Do you want to trap Leonidos? I warn you, time is growing short."

"I quite realise that your time is limited, sir," I said, as pleasantly as possible. "Perhaps it would help if a little more information were forthcoming. I think you said, sir, that you could prove your connection with Leonidos by showing that you, too, have been in touch with potential enemies. Would you be able to clarify that point for us?"

He looked at me savagely for a moment, and then relaxed. "Go to my wife and ask her to let you look in the car, underneath the seat in the back. I think you will find enough there

to prove the connections I have told you about."

He leaped suddenly to his feet. "Go on, Brown, for mercy's sake. There are so few days left, and both of us have everything to lose."

It was the first time he had shown sign of panic. I motioned the warders to come back into the cell, bowed to him, and went out.

I telephoned the office to check Pitt's address and then drove out to Dorking in the car. A fruitless journey. Mrs Pitt was away and the car with her, and not expected back until after midnight.

I spent the next two hours, after getting back to the Yard, trying to place the face of the handsome young Pole with the scar, whom I had met in the Soho alleyway at dawn today.

We found him at last. My assistant came into the office with a bunch of pictures, and one of them belonged to him. The name was Piotr Raskhi. The grin on his broad face was infectious.

"What record has our friend Raskhi got?" I asked my assistant. "What is he, crook, pander, or spy?"

"None of them," said my assistant. "He is a Polish ex-officer of the Royal Air Force. He is very pro-British and he has been known to do dangerous work."

"For us?" I asked incredulously. "Well, for our Allies, anyway," said my assistant.

TOMORROW:
The clues to
Leonidos

Large Entry List For Colony Championships

Abstract

Week-end Softball

JAGUARS PULL OFF THE UPSET OF THE SEASON IN SHELLACKING BRAVES 8-1

By "KEYSTONE"

Red Pereira's Jolting Jaguars covered themselves with glory by pulling off the upset of the season, shellacking the League-leading Braves to the tune of 8-1 in the Senior League match yesterday.

In the morning game, the Panda girls inched past Ella Chinn's South China squad in the final straight stretch to clinch the Ladies' Junior Championship.

Another stunning upset was credited to Frank Barros, who sent Chinn's Athletics to a depleted squad of Saints. The League-leading Braves still remain one game ahead of the flock, but with only three games outstanding they cannot afford to falter again with South China breathing hotly down their necks from close behind.

South China barely managed a decision against St. Joseph's, edging out a close 6-4 win over a depleted squad of Saints. The League-leading Braves still remain one game ahead of the flock, but with only three games outstanding they cannot afford to falter again with South China breathing hotly down their necks from close behind.

Senior "B" Division games were partly curtailed due to inclement weather on Saturday. But in yesterday's noon-hour games, the Braves received a bad fright from a fighting Red Sox outfit who held them down to a 3-3 tie for nine full innings before succumbing 5-3. A loss for the second place Braves would have automatically presented the Division's pennant to the idle Americans.

The Pandas "B" jumped sweet, long-untested victory with a lopsided 12-3 win over the hapless Warriors at the far diamond, although all the hits they could muster off slow-baller Ray Cordeiro's pitches were two scratchy bingles.

DECIDING MATCH

Ella Chinn's South China ladies made an early scoring bid when, after two outs in the first inning, shortstop Helen Leong slapped the ball through second and stole down the midway station on the next pitch. Big stick Ella Babida then poked another to the same place, but Helen Leong was nipped at the plate by a fine throw-in from centerfielder Ingrid Wang for the third out.

The Bears opened the scoring with two runs in their turn at bat, when Angeline and Eugenia Kwok dished off a double play by blasting one hit each. The Pandas went another run ahead in the third canto. Lead-off batter "Little Amy" Cheng ticked the ball into right to get out, but was erased for the first out by a throw across the diamond. Bonnie Chan went down on an infield out. Angeline Kwok singled, stole second and was pushed across the rubber by Ingrid Wang's timely double.

This stung the Nam Wah girls into action and they exploded with three runs in the top of the fourth to tie up the ballgame. Shortstop Helen Leong lashed out a drive to centre to arrive safely on first. The next batter filed out to rightfield.

Then first baseman Madeleine Gosling drove the ball through short, and Helen Leong scored all the way from first when the centerfielder heaved wildly towards the plate.

Gosling moved down to third on the play and brought in another run when outfielder S. Koo hit an infield grounder for the second out.

Rightfielder Rosie Luey then almost made herself the heroine of the day by stepping into one of Pandas' pitcher Pearl Chan's slow balls and blasting it way over the leftfielder's head for a score-tying home run.

An infield error and two solid hits filled the bags to lead off again, but second sacker E. Chan failed to come through with a clutch-hit, grounding to shortstop for a force-out at third to end the rally.

Both teams settled down to tight fielding which carried the 3-3 tie into the last inning. The first two South China batters grounded for routine infield outs.

The third batter, lined to right, but first baseman Diane Tong leaped over and speared the apple for a one-handed catch to end the inning.

In their last time at bat, the Pandas started off shakily with two batters going down in a row. Coming back to the top of their batting order, Amy Cheng wheeled a walk from pitcher Connie Lal, and promptly stole down to the keystone station.

Shortstop Bonnie Chan came through with a timely single to advance Amy to scoring position on third, while she moved down to second without drawing a play. Then catcher Angeline Kwok dished up another masterly clutch hit by slashing a hot grounder through third to nase in the game-winning run.

Losing pitcher Connie Lal outperformed her Pandas rival by striking out three and allowing only two walks. She conceded seven hits to the Pandas, including two baggers by Eugenia Kwok and Ingrid Wang, as well as three solid hits by Angeline Kwok.

Pandas' mistress Pearl Chan struck out two and walked one, but was erased for a total of eight safe-hits, including two bingles each by Helen Leong and Madeleine Gosling, and a fourth-inning homer by Rosie Luey.

With the winning of the Junior Championship by the Pandas yesterday, official League play in the Ladies' League is brought to a close, the Ladies' Senior Division Championship having been previously won by the all-conquering Wahoes in a play-off series with the Saguas.

CHEWED THEM UP

Playing with gusto and pep unseen for many a long month, Red Pereira's rebounding Jaguars chewed up the Braves with one of the worst beatings yet meted out in the 10-year history in local softball.

The Jolting Jaguars committed only one solitary fielding error in seven full innings to back up their ace hurler Vic Pedruco's blazing pienes and rattled off a sparkling double-killing to snuff the only serious scoring threat by the Braves in the third canto.

Both sides were held scoreless till the action-packed third, although the Jaguars were first to put a runner on third. In the second inning third-sacker Gerald Van Langenberg opened proceedings with a twisting double to right.

Shortstop Claude Pugh dropped a line-hugging bunt along first to push Langenberg down to the scoring perch, while he landed on second himself. With none down and potential runs on third and second, the Jags elected to hit away for some uncountable reason.

Tiger Hussain popped weakly to short for the initial out. Nilson Souza scratched his head over three called strikes and was thumbed back to the bench. Catcher Red Pereira chopped the pill feebly into the ground for the last out to leave two runners futilely stranded on base.

Ed Carvalho's Braves opened the third thunderously through Manuel Guterres' double. Into centerfield. Rightfielder G. Rozario, fled out, but oldtimer Tony Osmund rapped a sharp single to left to advance Guterres to third while he pruned into second standing on base.

Shortstop Joe Guterres grounded to third, and the ball made two rapid journeys across the diamond from third to first to home for a neat twin-killing as Guterres attempted to score on the play.

Leftfielder Lionel Sequeira brought the first run of the game across the plate when he stole home in a shower of dirt after his bingle was followed by teammate Igmarr Erikson's safe bunt.

First-sacker Frank Barros laid down another trickler towards first which hurler Chapple Remedios mishandled, landing runners on third and second with none away. An attempt to cut off the runner resulted in an overthrow at third, allowing two runners to cross home station standing up.

The Jaguars thumped the ball for another three solid hits in the fourth to extend their lead by five back-breaking runs. Nelson Souza drew a base on balls. Red Pereira dumped a sacrifice bunt, but Chapple Remedios juggled the pill again in his haste.

A bunt hit filled the bases, with no outs, for the top end of the Jaguars' batting order to clean up on.

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Hardly had the crowd settled back in their seats when the following batter Gerald Van Langenberg collected his second hit of the day with a towering blast to the scoreboard which was relayed in just a shade too late to catch him at home-plate. The Jaguars then eased up and settled back to protect their lead in the remaining innings.

The Tribe averted the crowning humiliation of a shutout only by the narrowest of margins. They picked up their only tally through pinch-hitter Spiky Guterres who doubled to start off the sixth stanza.

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Chapple Remedios and Carlos Yvanovich hit safely in close succession, but Junior Remedios fled out to left and southpaw Buji Dhabar hopped one to first to reduce all the Braves' efforts to nil.

This took all the fight out of the Bravesmen, and the last three batters went down in rapid order on two flies and an infield out to end the one-sided game.

Credited with the win, Jaguar pitcher Vic Pedruco had no strike-outs, but issued one free base and allowed seven speeded-out hits. His opposing number Chapple Remedios was tagged with the loss in walking three and conceding nine ringing hits, while striking out two.

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"YUNNAN"	Tientsin	10 a.m. 13th Mar.
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"HUPEH"	Tientsin	10 a.m. 21st Mar.
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"BENALDER"	Direct to Singapore, thence Liverpool, Glasgow, Rotterdam and Hull	23rd Mar.
"BENLAVERS"	Direct to Singapore, thence Havre, London and Rotterdam	4th Apr.
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG PROPRATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS OF JOHN CAMPBELL MANLEY late of 40 Route Botanic Shanghai Republic of China formerly care of Jardine Matheson and Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hongkong. Gentleman, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 53 (1) of the Probate and Administration Ordinance Chapter 10 made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above Estate to the 14th day of March, 1953.

All creditors and others are accordingly required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated this 23rd day of February, 1953.

DEACONS Solicitors & Notaries Hong Kong.

NOTICE

MARSHMAN HONGKONG CHINA, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Extraordinary General Meeting of Marshman Hongkong China, Ltd., which was adjourned sine die on December 4th 1952 will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building on Monday the Thirtieth of March 1953 at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing as a Special Resolution the following resolution, that is to say:

"That the Company be wound up voluntarily and that Mr Archibald Ritchie and Mr Charles Gow Smith of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews be appointed to act jointly and severally as liquidators for such winding-up."

Dated the ninth day of March 1953.
By order of the Board,
T. L. LOO,
Acting Secretary.

Reduction In Forces

Manila, Mar. 8. A gradual lay-off of 3,350 officers and men of the armed forces up to June 30 this year because of critical lack of funds was disclosed by the Armed Forces Personnel Chief, Colonel Carmelo Barbero. He explained that the move should not be construed as a "purge" because budgetary considerations had been the main reason for the step. Several days ago, 37 officers and 70 enlisted men were shifted in what observers called a "purge" in the armed forces in the wake of Mr Ramon Magway's resignation. — France-Press.

NOTICE

ASSOCIATED PROPERTIES, LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Office of Atlas Realty, Ltd., Room 604 Edinburgh House, Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on Saturday the 28th day of March, 1953, at 12:00 Noon to transact the following business:—

- (1) To receive and consider the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1952.
- (2) To elect Directors.
- (3) To appoint Auditors.
- (4) To transact such other business as may be properly transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting of the Company.

And Notice is also hereby given that the Register of Members and the Transfer Books will be closed from the 16th day of March, 1953 to the 28th day of March, 1953, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
ATLAS REALTY, LTD.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 7th Mar., 1953.

Persecution Of Church In Albania

Rome, Mar. 7. At least 54 Catholic clergy-men, including a Bishop and Archbishop, have died in prison torture chambers or before firing squads in Communist Albania since 1944, a Catholic publication said today. The body of one of the victims was said to have been thrown "to beasts" by his Communist assassins while another priest was reported to have been buried alive.

The international Fides Agency, which reports on the work of the Vatican's Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, said that its information on the plight of the Church in the satellite State "comes from well-informed persons who left Albania recently."

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"CORFU"	1st April	4th May
"CANTON"	30th April	1st June

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Homewards	Leaves Hongkong	Due London
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"CARTIAGE"	5th April	5th May
"CORFU"	6th May	6th June
"CANTON"	6th June	6th July

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"SINGAPORE"	20th March	Japan
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"UMARIA"	due 21st Mar.	from P. Gulf for Japan
"OZARDA"	sails 22nd Mar.	from Japan for Singapore, Colombo, Bombay & Karachi

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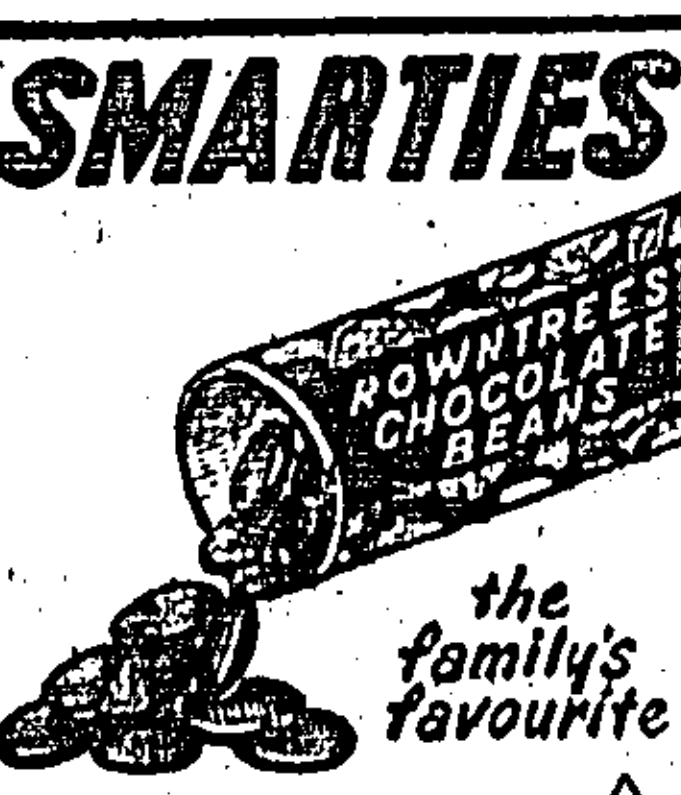
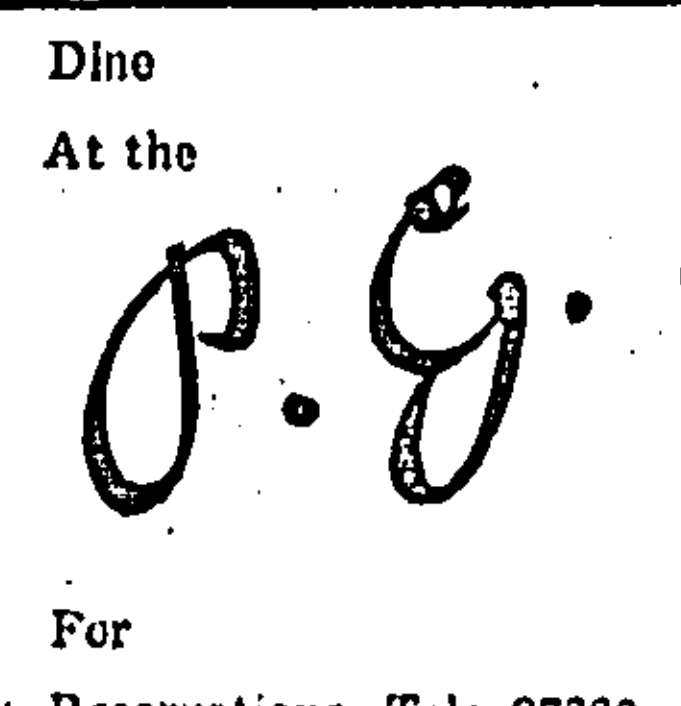
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Gaullist Criticism Of E.D.C.

Paris, Mar. 8. General Pierre Koenig, Gaullist chairman of the National Assembly Defence Committee, said here today that his report on the European Defence Community (EDC) Treaty would point out "another means" of achieving collective security.

He told the conference of the National Union of retired non-commissioned officers that it was false to claim that the EDC was the only way of achieving defence of Europe, adding:

"There exists another means of building a very powerful and very effective defence community, while preserving the rights, sovereignty and independence of France."

General Koenig, whose report to the National Assembly may not appear before June, is expected to re-state General De Gaulle's plan for military co-operation within a confederation of European States—Reuter.

109 Deserters Write In

London, Mar. 8. Only 100 out of the 14,000 deserters from the Services have written in under the Coronation amnesty to report themselves. Nine men were released from Army detention at Shepton Mallet, Somerset. An Admiralty spokesman said: "Most deserters have made new lives for themselves and are probably satisfied they can remain undetected. We don't expect wholesale confessions."

SPECULATION OVER THE BUDGET

Annual Springtime Event In Full Swing In Britain

Malayan Trade Balance

Affected By Tin, Rubber Prices

Singapore. Malaya, whose rubber and tin are among the Sterling Area's most important dollar-earners, had an unfavourable trade balance of £6,000,000 last year, compared with a favourable balance of £14,000,000 in 1951.

This deterioration in the Colony's trading position with the outside world is largely accounted for by the sharp decline in rubber and tin prices.

The average price of rubber last year was 2s. 4d. a lb., compared with 4s. 2d. a lb. in 1951.

The price of tin declined from an average of £1,000 in 1951, to £905 a ton last year.

Exports of rubber amounted to 910,400 tons, valued at £203,000,000. Exports to the United States and other American countries earned £58,000,000 in dollars.

For the first time, rubber shipments to Britain exceeded those to the United States.

LOWEST SINCE 1946

The fall in the price of rubber, together with smaller shipments to the United States, meant that Malayan dollar earnings from this source declined by £84,000,000 last year as compared with 1951.

The total value of all rubber shipments was £258,000,000 less last year than in the previous year.

Another result of the lower price was that Malayan rubber production fell last year to its lowest level since 1946.

Dollar earnings from tin, however, were higher last year than in 1951 when American attempts to force down the price of tin by stopping all imports from Malaya.

Exports of tin brought in £18,000,000 in dollars, compared with only £3,000,000 in 1951.

Earnings from all tin exports were £40,000,000, or £7,000,000 less than in the previous year.

RUBBER PROPOSAL

Singapore, Mar. 8. Malayan rubber dealers have accepted an American proposal to hold a meeting in New York to discuss problems resulting from the substantial deliveries of rubber not conforming to type, description and packing specifications.

The invitation, which came from the Rubber Trade Association and the Rubber Manufacturers' Association, both of New York, said considerable misunderstanding had arisen and the "great distance separating this market from the source of the rubber makes it difficult to get at facts, to appreciate others' problems and to resolve varying opinions concerning such facts and problems."

The Singapore Chinese Rubber Trade Association, however, decided to invite delegates from the two American Associations to come to Singapore for discussion "because Singapore is the centre of the trade."

A spokesman said if the American delegate could come, Indonesia, Thailand and Ceylon could be conveniently invited to send representatives to attend the meeting, so that American complaints, especially about bad packing, may be threshed out with all Asian exporting countries simultaneously. — United Press.

Tax Pact To Be Signed

Tokyo, Mar. 8.

Sources close to the Japanese Government tonight said the signing of a Japan-United States tax agreement is expected this month.

Reports said the draft of the agreement has already been worked out between Japan and America.

Unconfirmed reports said the proposed agreement is primarily designed to prevent a dual levying of taxes by both the Japanese and American governments.

Included in the agreement are income, corporate and inheritance taxes. It is expected here that the new agreement will take effect in July or August if the Japanese Diet approves it. — Reuters.

Conflict Between Political And Economic Approach

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Mar. 8.

The open season for unofficial Budget-making is now in full swing. No special skill is required by those who care to participate in this popular Springtime event. The layman, indeed, has a certain advantage over the expert.

For his views on taxation and Government expenditure mark the limits within which budgetary action is politically feasible while the economist's views are at best a guide to what is theoretically desirable.

The outcome of this conflict between the political and the economic approach to the Budget problem is generally a compromise which goes some way to meet both points of view.

This year, however, the Chancellor will find it even more difficult than usual to steer a middle course. For the laymen have seldom been more insistent in their demands for tax reductions while the economists are recommending a line of action that no Chancellor would care to take.

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movement in the terms of trade? The view has been expressed that while Britain cannot expect a repetition of the 10 per cent improvement in her terms of trade that occurred last year, an improvement of only half this size would enable her to achieve her objective.

Any improvement in the terms of trade brought about by an increase in British export prices must almost certainly be rejected, however, as a likelihood for the coming year.

With competition mounting in many of Britain's most important export markets the need is for a reduction rather than an increase in British prices.

On the other hand, while it is not improbable that the coming year will see further falls in the prices of food and raw materials, to look for any major relief from this source is to assume that the volume of British imports can remain indefinitely restricted to the present level.

But, in fact, it cannot, for industrial stocks of imported raw materials are beginning to run low and will soon need to be rebuilt.

These "painless solutions" are therefore rejected by most economists.

POSSIBLE COURSE

But when it comes to suggesting alternative remedies they are faced with a familiar but nonetheless difficult problem. For, if there is to be a readjustment of claims on British resources to create the extra savings needed to finance overseas development, then the axe must fall either on home investment or home consumption.

Professor F. W. Palsh, of London University, whose views on this matter are shared by many economists, suggests a possible line of action which would affect only that part of home investment and consumption that is at present financed by Government funds.

This will appeal to those in Britain who have been clamouring for drastic cuts in Government expenditure, though perhaps their enthusiasm will fade when they realise the full implications of Professor Palsh's "plan."

This, he writes in the District Bank Review, "will involve such measures as reduced expenditure on new houses, increases in those taxes (presumably mainly indirect taxes) which are paid at the expense of consumption reductions, in subsidies and, if possible, cuts in Government expenditure on goods and services, while the transfer of the resources so released will involve a rise in at least a short-term unemployment and at least a temporary loss of output."

There is little likelihood, however, of Mr Butler adopting this course in its entirety though some parts of it—particularly its reference to subsidies—will probably figure in his Budget proposals.

But the Chancellor's Budget will not be done until he has secured the Finance Bill, incorporating his proposals, safely through Parliament.

And this may confront him with his stiffest test.

For there are many in the ranks of the Government's own party, as well as among their friends in the country, who are by no means convinced that any additional savings created by budgetary measures should be applied to overseas investment while Britain's industries are being starved of capital.

THE STOCK EXCHANGE Most interesting development during the Stock Exchange during the past week has been the sudden reawakening of interest in so-called "Iron Curtain" issues following news of the illness and subsequent death of Stalin.

"Iron Curtain" issues fall into three separate categories and expectations of repayment vary accordingly.

In the first category are bonds issued by Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania, which were invaded by Russia in 1939 and did not subsequently become allies of Britain. Only hope of repayment in this case is that the British Government will eventually compensate bond-

holders out of the assets of Baltic nationals sequestered in this country.

Rumanian bonds fall into the second category. As Rumania is an ex-enemy country, repayment hopes are based on the existence of large funds in the hands of the Custodian of Enemy Property.

In the third category of "Iron Curtain" bonds are those issued by countries which were wartime allies but later "went Communist." In the case of Polish bonds a repayment agreement is already in existence but resumption of debt service has been delayed through disagreement over shipments of strategic materials.

CZARIST BONDS Interest in these bonds was founded on the possibility of political changes behind the Iron Curtain following Stalin's death. Even Russian Czarist bonds attracted attention though the price of these rose only a few shillings. But gains of between £2 and £4 were registered in Polish and Estonian issues.

The gilt-edged markets had a very good week. Repayment of over £100 million of National War Bonds brought buyers in on Monday. Later sentiment was helped by the success of the £100 million Exchange issue and by news of the latest rise in the gold reserves.

Old Consols gained £1-1/10. This and War Loan touched its highest price this year.

RUBBER MARKET Industrialists have been a firm and a rising market. Textile and electric shares were well supported and there was again activity in the stores section where "take-over" possibilities are still having a strong influence on prices.

Latest news from this front is that the directors of Bin's, the North of England department store concern, have recommended their shareholders to turn down the offer made by the House of Fraser for the company's shares. As an added inducement they declared an interim dividend.

The House of Fraser, related by announcing they would approach Bin's shareholders directly.

Meanwhile the take-over controversy has moved to Westminster where Mr Thorpey, President of the Board of Trade, told the Commons he would not introduce legislation to prevent dealings in shares "which have become excessively inflated in value as a result of take-over rumours."

This was a matter best left to the Stock Exchange authorities, he said.

BANK SHARES There has been some inquiry for Eastern Bank shares following dividend increases announced by the Chartered Bank and the Mercantile Bank of India.

Another Eastern Bank report to affect the London market was that made by the Chairman of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

Sir Arthur Morse's adverse comments on Japan's finances caused some weakness to develop in the market for Japanese bonds.

Gold shares have been an irregular market; rubbers and tea made fresh gains; and oils turned a little easier.

Japs To Open Bank In Taipei Taipei, Mar. 8. Two officials of the Japanese Government came to arrive tomorrow to discuss with the Chinese Nationalist Finance authorities the final details for the establishment of a branch office in Taipei.

They are Eisaku Yoshimatsu and Makoto Yamaji, commercial director and chief of the Foreign Department, respectively, of the Kanryo Bank.

Approval for the opening of a branch of the Kanryo Bank in Taipei was recently given by the Chinese Nationalist Government, and the representatives are to lay the foundation work for the establishment of the branch bank. — France Press.

Taiwan Salt For Japan?

Taipei, Mar. 8. Taiwan is negotiating to sell Japan 70,000 tons of Formosan salt for shipment within a month after signing of a contract, the Nationalist newspaper "Combined Daily News" said today. Japan had signed a contract for 100,000 tons of Formosan salt towards the latter part of last year, and it was indicated all deliveries would be effected before the end of March, the newspaper added. — Reuters.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$207,850. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS					
HSBC	1350	10	1345		
IND. BANK	1350	20	1350		
INSURANCES					
Underwriters	5.20				
DOCKERS					
W. Wharf	77	6.40			
N. P. Wharf	10.10	10.10			
Sh. Land	10.10	10.10			
Provident	12.00	12.00			
Wheelock	7.40	7.40			
Hongkong	1.00	4000	1.05		
LAND, ETC.					
HK Land (N)	82				
HK Hotel	7.15	7.20	2000	7.10	
Humphreys	12 1/2	XD			
UTILITIES					
HK Electric	20.20	20.10	600	20.30	
P. Tram (O)	30	10.10			
C. Light (O)	9.30	9.35	4000	9.35	
C. Light (N)	6.10	6.10	1500	6.10	
Telephone	10.10	10.10	2000	10.10	
INDUSTRIALS					
Wing Lung	15.40	XD			
ROPE, ETC.					
ROPE	17 1/2				
STORES, ETC.					
COTTONS					
Ewo	10.10	10.10			
MISCELLANEOUS					
Yangtze	5.85	6.00			

New Fighter Chief

London, Mar. 8. Air Vice-Marshal Sir Dermot A. Boyle is to be appointed Chief of the Royal Air Force Fighter Command from April 7. It was announced today.

He will succeed Air Marshal Sir Basil Embury, who has been reported as likely to succeed American General Lauris Norstad as NATO Commander of Allied Air Forces, Central Europe.

General Norstad has been tipped as the next Air Deputy in SHAPE.

The Air Ministry said today that a further announcement would be made in the near future about Sir Basil's next appointment. — Reuters.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates: U.S. dollar (per \$1) 6.0025 Sterling note (per £1) 15.95 Singapore dollars (per 100) 21.70 Siam (per 100) 15.50 Singapore (Straits) 15.35 FIC piastres (per 100) 12.65

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Free Trade Policy?

Washington, Mar. 8. For the first time in the history of the United States there is serious speculation about the eventual feasibility of a free trade policy although the authorities see no possibility of the Republican-controlled Congress over-adopting such a programme.

The widely publicised views of Mr Henry Ford II, European agitation for "free trade" and the certainty that Japan's economic stability will require expanding international markets among the factors that widened the horizons of the trade policy discussion.

The discussion may at least defer any early trend toward higher average tariff rates.

The continued large surplus of United States exports over imports, the inability of dollar-short countries to purchase American farm products in the desired volume and the fact that domestic manufacturers under peacetime conditions would soon exceed "home market" absorption, also compelled thinking on future commercial policy.

ROOSEVELT MOVE

The Underwood Tariff Law, adopted early by the Woodrow Wilson Administration, was designed to keep the tariff level as low as practicable. Since the Underwood Law the revenue-earning feature of the Customs Tariff Law has been of secondary importance and political interest turned to questions of the effects of tariff in expanding or contracting international competition in the United States Market. "Protection" was widened to a large number of agricultural as well as industrial items.

After Roosevelt's inauguration in 1933, the Secretary of State, Mr Cordell Hull, took the leadership in obtaining Congressional approval of the Reciprocity Trade Act designed in principle to fix tariff rates, in most cases, lower through international bargaining. This resulted in a number of bilateral and multilateral pacts. Officials here believe that the business world generally and many foreign governments failed to realise how far the reciprocity programme resulted in a reduction of the tariff barrier to United States imports.

In a discussion about a hypothetical "free trade" policy for the United States, impartial experts point to the great practical difficulties. They said that individual industries and agricultural groups here do not consider the tariff system from its broad overall economic effects but from the impact which rates have on particular industries. The whole outlook of businessmen on trade policy is "fragmented" according to the competitive situation of various industries.

Assuming for the purposes of discussion that a free trade policy might eventually become politically feasible, the abolition of tariff rates would in many industries be followed by demands for quantitative limits on imports.

The trade policy issue seems still to devolve around competitive groups of producers at home and abroad and the great consuming public which would benefit by cheaper imported commodities and foodstuffs. — United Press.

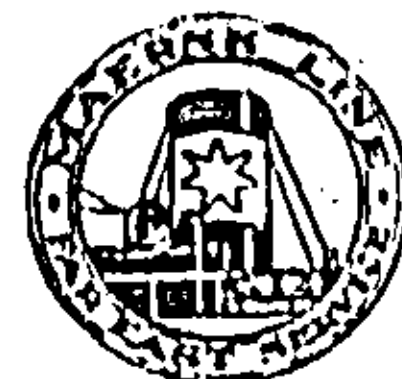
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